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MYCOBACTERIA AND THEIR USE AS DIAGNOSTICS, VACCINES AND

TARGETS FOR CHEMOTHERAPY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 23, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments are remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including October 23, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 to 23, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

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